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Attention: Renata Hesse
U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division
601 D Street, N.W., Suite 1200
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Ms. Hesse,

I often encourage my students to speak up when they have an opinion on a current event. I decided recently to heed my own advice and speak up on the proposed Microsoft settlement during this open comment period.

As a teacher in a small rural school, I am encouraged by the possibility that Microsoft has offered to donate millions of dollars of computer equipment to schools like the one where I teach. Many times, rural schools have a hard time keeping up with technological advances and opportunities available at larger, more urban schools. I believe the settlement proposed by the Bush administration would go a long way toward leveling the playing field for students who attend rural schools by allowing them access to cutting edge computer technology.

Thank you for your work on this important case. I urge you to approve the settlement.

Sincerely

Connie Morris